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SUBJECT: CONDECA PLANS OPERATION EAGLE EXERCISE IN NICARAGUA

1. SUMMARY: DESPITE WARNINGS TO CENARNMENTS
BY FSLN GUERRILLA GROUP NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN
MILITARY ACTITITIES IN NICARAGUA, CA MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES
MEETING IN MANAGUA HAVE AGREED TO JOINT EXERCISE PLANNED IN
NORTH-CENTRAL NICARAGUA DURING LAST HALF OF NOVEMBER OF THIS
YEAR. END SUMMARY

2. CA DEFENSE MINISTERS AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES BEGAN FIVE
DAY ANNUAL CONDECA MEETING IN MANAGUA ON AUGUST 16. CONDECA,
FORMED IN 1965, IS BADED OFRO TREAOPROCAL ASSIS-
TWVAS REGULARLY CONDUCTED JOINT EXERCISES TO PREPARE
COORDINATED ACTION AGAINST POSSIBLE ATTACK FROM EXTRA-REGIONAK
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LIBERATVN FRONT (FSLN), AN EXTREME LEFTIST GUERRILLA MOVEMENT

OPERATION IN NICARAGUA, HAS ISSUED WARNINGS
TO CA GOVERNMENTS IN PRESS RELEASE FROM HAVANA AND LOCALLY
MAILED PAMPHLETS AGAINST JOINT EXERCISE IN NICARAGUA.
FSLN HAS TRIED TO PLANT IDEA THAT JOINT EXERCISE WOULD BE
TO COMBAT THEM AND HAS WARNED THEY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY CONSEQUENCES.

3. NEVERTHELESS, THE MILITARY CHIEFS AGREED ON AUGUST 18
TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING FOR THE JOINT EXERCISE, CODE NAMED
"AGUILA Z", WHICH IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED BETWEEN NOVEMBER
20 AND 30, 1976. PANAMA PLANS TO SEND AN INFANTRY COMPANY AND
OTHER CA MILITARY FORCES WILL PARTICIPATE EXCEPT COSTA RICA,
WHICH, FOR LACK OF AN ARMY, WILL ONLY SEND CIVIL
GUARD OFFICIALS AS OBSERVERS.

4. DEF ATT HAS
TBINED INFORMATION THAT GON SUPPLIED CA
REPRESENTATIVES BRIEFING ON FSLN-GN OPERATIONS AND RECENT
CONTACTS. FSLN IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE SERIOUS PROBLEM
IN AREA PLANNED FOR "AGUILA" EXERCISE.
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